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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera-Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Kathie G. Brooks, Interim City Manager

DATE: January 23, 2013

SUBJECT: **FDOT STATE ROAD (SR) 112/JULIA TUTTLE CAUSEWAY BIKE PATH/TRAIL PROJECT**

The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to inform you that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) began construction of the State Road (SR) 112/Julia Tuttle Causeway Bike Path/Trail Project on Monday, January 21, 2013. The project is scheduled to be completed in March 2013. The project extends from SR 5/Biscayne Boulevard in the City of Miami to SR 907/Alton Road in the City of Miami Beach. The estimated construction cost of the project is \$132,000.

The goal of the project is to construct a bicycle path/trail in each direction along the Julia Tuttle Causeway, in order to create a connection for bicycles between the City of Miami and the City of Miami Beach. The proposed bicycle facilities will be added by utilizing the existing shoulders on SR 112/Julia Tuttle Causeway. The proposed connection serves to promote bicycling as an alternative mode of transportation, complement the existing bicycle lanes on the MacArthur Causeway, and provide an alternative route for bicyclists between the cities of Miami Beach and Miami.

FDOT has advised that no lane closures are anticipated to occur during the first week of construction. In addition, the City will request that no lane closures occur during the Boat Show scheduled from February 14 – 18. During other major events, such as Winter Music Conference and spring break, the City will monitor and coordinate with FDOT the suspension of any lane closures if warranted. All lane closures will be coordinated with the City of Miami Beach, and FDOT will notify the City in advance of any anticipated lane closures. Information regarding lane closures will be disseminated to residents on a timely basis.

As part of its public information program, FDOT has designated a Public Information Officer (PIO) for the project who will be the point of contact on community issues and be available on a 24/7 basis throughout the duration of the project. The PIO will be responsible for disseminating any updates via e-mail to affected area stakeholders regarding construction activities, lane closures, and traffic impacts. Lastly, FDOT has created a project website and placed information regarding lane closures and project details on the following website: www.fdotmiamidade.com.

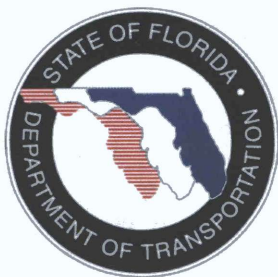
Enclosed please find a project fact sheet. The fact sheet includes project information, construction schedule, and contact information for the Public Information Officer for the project.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Attachment:

FDOT Project Fact Sheet

JGG/FHB/JFF/RWS/JRG/JFD



FACT SHEET

A NEW ROADWAY PROJECT WILL BEGIN IN YOUR AREA State Road (SR) 112/I-195/Julia Tuttle Causeway

FIN# 432824-2-52-01
Begins: January 2013

OVERVIEW

On Monday January 21, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is scheduled to begin a bicycle path construction project along the SR 112/Julia Tuttle Causeway from SR 5/Biscayne Blvd to SR 907/Alton Road Avenue in the Cities of Miami and Miami Beach.

WORK TO BE PERFORMED

- Adding bicycle lanes along the eastbound and westbound shoulders of the SR 112/Julia Tuttle Causeway
- Restriping the shoulders as a bicycle path
- Installing new signage

PROJECT SCHEDULE

January 21, 2013 – March 2013

AFFECTED MUNICIPALITIES

Cities of Miami and Miami Beach

ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST

\$132,000

LANE CLOSURE & DETOUR INFORMATION

Traffic lanes may be closed at times for safety reasons. Lane closures will occur from:

9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Weekdays and weekends
9:00 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights
11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights

HELPFUL TIPS

- Allow extra time to reach your destination
- Obey all posted signs and speed limits
- Watch for signs with information about upcoming work and traffic conditions

ALWAYS PUT SAFETY FIRST

For your safety and the safety of others, please use caution when driving, walking or biking around any construction zone. Wearing a safety belt is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes. The department takes steps to reduce construction effects, but you might experience the following around the work site. ***Please note that this schedule could change due to bad weather or other unexpected conditions.***

- Side street, traffic lane and sidewalk closures
- Increased dust and noise
- Workers and equipment moving around the area.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, please contact Project Administrator Leah DeRiel, P.E. at (305) 219-4035 , or Public Information Specialist Cynthia Vazquez at (305) 640-7441 or Cynthia.Vazquez@dot.state.fl.us.



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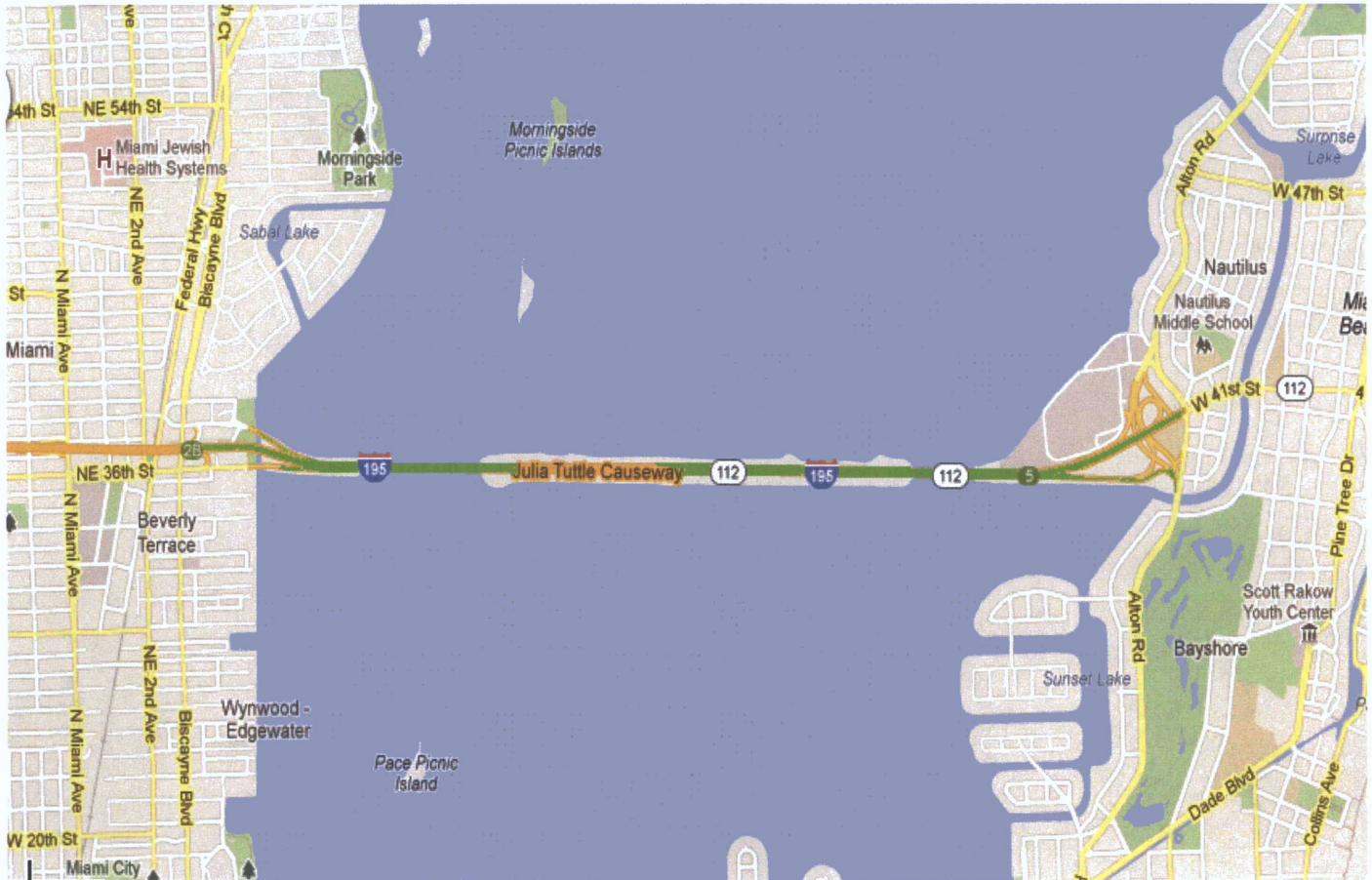


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LEGEND



Project area



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